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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1876.

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PRIO \$2 PER MONTH.

## Arrivals.

September 24, **ESMERALDA**, British str., 305, E. Thebaud, Amoy 23rd Sept., General. — A. MAG. BEATON.  
September 24, **ZAMBOANGA**, Spanish steamer, 576, Rafael Lopez, Manila 21st Sept., General. — MEDIEOS & CO.  
September 25, **NAUTIUS**, German gunboat, 600, Valvis, Constantinople 27th July, and Singapore 16th September.  
September 25, **GLENEARNS**, British str., 1,370, H. W. Auld, London 15th August, Port Said 27th, Suez 24th, and Singapore 19th September, General. — JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO.  
September 25, **PEALE**, British steamer, 705, Munk, Saigon 20th September, General. — CHINESE.  
September 25, **STATESMAN**, British str., 1,210, J. Valant, Foochow 23rd Sept. Tea. — JARDINE & CO.

## Clearances.

At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, SEPTEMBER 25TH.  
China, German steamer, for Ningpo and Shanghai.  
Augusta, German bark, for Coote.

## Departures.

September 25, **ALPHONTO**, British ship, for Haiphong.  
September 25, **ECHO**, Brit. br., for Adelaide.  
September 25, **VESTA**, German bark, for Newchwang.  
September 25, **FERDINAND**, German bark, for Bangkok.  
September 25, **CINTA**, British steamer, for Ningpo and Shanghai.  
September 25, **CHINEROO**, British schooner, for Newchwang.

## Passengers.

ARRIVED.  
Per **Emeralds**, str., from Amoy:—  
20 Chinese.  
Per **Zamboanga**, str., from Manila:—  
20 Chinese and 30 Chinese.  
Mr. Glensman, str., from London, En.  
Messrs. Sirs and Ahiney, and 87 Chinese.  
Per **Paul**, str., from Saigon:—  
100 Chinese.  
Per **Statesman**, str., from Foochow:—  
Messrs. Sanderson and Wilkinson.

## Departed.

Per China, str., for Ningpo, &c.  
36 Chinese.

## Reports.

The British steamship **Statesman** reports left Foochow on 23rd September, and had fine weather. The steamer **Paul** in port.

The British steamship **Emeralds** reports left Amoy on 23rd September, and had variable winds and fine weather throughout.

The Spanish steamship **Zamboanga** reports left Manila on 21st September, and had light variable winds and fine weather throughout.

The German gunboat **Nautilus** reports left Constantinople on 27th July, and Singapore on 15th September, and had fine weather all the passage.

The British steamship **Paul** reports left Saigon on 27th September. The first part of the passage had light S. and S.W. winds; and the latter part light N.E. winds to arrival.

The British steamship **Glenearns** reports left London 16th August, Port Said on the 27th, Saigon on the 29th, and Singapore on 19th Sept., and had moderate winds and fine weather all the passage.

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MANILA SHIPPING.

September ARRIVED.  
4. Johanna, Dutch ship, from Hongkong.  
5. Esmeralda, British str., from Amoy &c.  
6. Mictuna, Spanish steamer, from Singapore.  
10. Victoria, Span. str., from Liverpool, &c.  
10. Fausto, Span. str., from Singapore.  
12. Leon, Span. str., from Hongkong.  
13. Zamboanga, Spanish steamer, from Amoy.  
September DEPARTURE.  
6. Paragua, Spanish steamer, for Singapore.  
7. Leon, Sp. ship, for Singapore, &c.  
11. Mary S. Stone, Amer. ship, for New York.  
12. Scotia, British br., for New York.  
13. Monogram, Brit. br., for Hongkong.  
14. Ivan Ivanoff, Amer. ship, for New York.

## English Sales To-day.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., AT 11 A.M.  
Unserviceable Government Stores.  
J. M. A. M. STRONG, AS P.R.  
Sundry Practical Goods, &c.

G. O. ROGERS, DENTAL SURGEON,  
No. 7, ARTHURNOT ROAD,  
is now visiting Amoy and Foochow, and will be ABSENT from Hongkong until further notice.  
227 Hongkong, 10th September, 1876.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.  
I.E. Undersigned Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES AT CREDIT, MELCHERS & CO., Agents Royal Insurance Company, 1780 Hongkong, 27th March, 1876.

NOTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

The Undersigned Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES TO the extent of \$65,000, on first-class risks at current rates.

MELCHERS & CO., 11674 Hongkong, 27th March, 1876.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$30,000 on Buildings or on Goods stored in Warehouses.

DOUGLAS LAPEAUX & CO., 5717 Hongkong, 9th November, 1876.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

MARINE RISKS.  
Policies at current rates payable either here, in London, or at the principal ports of India, Australia, and the East.

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Policies granted on First-class Buildings to an extent of \$20,000.

A DISCOUNT OF TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) on the current rates will be allowed on all premiums charged for insurance, the discount being deducted at the time of the issue of policy.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

1 Hongkong, 1st January, 1876.

## To be Let.

TO LET.  
THE HOUSE No. 3, LOWER MOQUE TEE,  
SHARP, TOLLER, AND JOHNSON,  
1st 518 Manilla, 23rd August, 1876.

TO LET.  
No. 1, Lower Moque TEE,  
HOUSES on Upper Moque TEE.  
All with Gas and Water laid on.

A First-class GODOWN at Wanchi of about  
3,000 square feet.

Apply to T. G. LINSTEAD,  
1864 Hongkong, 1st July, 1876.

TO LET.  
With Immediate Possession.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 4, Alameda  
Terrace.

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## Notices of Firms.

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1886 Manilla, 1st August, 1876.

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## EXTRACTS.

TO MY CRITICS.  
(WRITTEN SINCE MY LAST PUBLICATION.)  
So, Master Critic, I've told you think.  
I should lead you my loving way,  
And fit to fit with the best of ditties,  
Give you in short bite and sup.  
No doubt you fancy yourself clever,  
And fit to tell me what to say,  
You, too, are fit to sit a high lever,  
To have me into fit of stage,  
Until have no stand upon a stage,  
Like a naked Spaniard's scrub,  
And so through my tricks, You'll then engage  
To send about the bigger hat,  
You my I should stand, I should stand,  
But which nowest hat what each should fit,  
You say my large parent are only a spite  
Of dirty brown water, and a spite,  
That which I am fit of spite,  
Who am a spite and fit of spite,  
Something to show up for Phillips sport,  
A few in my ear, a big, a bit?  
But I am a favorite of the Nymphs,  
And fit to know you place, you'd drop  
Upon your knees, you niggery nymphs,  
In the back sum of the editor's shop,  
You would like, no doubt, to knock and ring,  
To be just fit full well met, with me,  
But I've done dirtier still to fit me,  
About you, and I said, I said, I said!

—Examiner.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF LORD PALMERSTON.

A thorough Englishman, both in taste and temper, he made his countrymen proud of him, because he was proud of his country. He believed in England as the best and greatest country in the world. During his long administration in the Foreign Office he steadily adhered to the principle of insisting against all powers, great or small, infringing on the rights of England. He did not believe in the modern doctrine of non-intervention or selfish isolation. He always vindicated the authority of the English name, and he believed that a reputation for strength and spirit were necessary to a great nation. But he had no love for war, and for many years, in the midst of extraordinary difficulties, he preserved the peace of Europe. He had great vanity, and he was the staunch champion of constitutionalism against despotism. Throughout Europe, with liberal sympathies, Palmerston identified England. —He was a fanatic. He was a practical statesman. "He did what he could." He set up to the best of his light at the time. There was an entire absence of chagrin in his speech and his conduct. He was intent only on saying the exact thing exactly, and it was this which made him one of the best of letter-writers. His letters have the unaffected freshness of "written talk," and they sparkle with a humor instinct with strong common sense, and quite spontaneous. There was no desire or effort to be witty, yet he could catch and improve any passing humorous thoughts. He once, laughingly quoted the authority of an eminent physician, that continuance in office, with the resulting employment, was good for the health. "Would not active opposition do as well?" "No, no; that fits up the bill and causes anxiety." —Ask Dixiel if it does not." He was a generous landowner, and few of his letters are more interesting than the accounts he sends of his plantations at Broadlands, the Methodist gardeners whose preaching he intends, if possible, to stop, and of his improvements of his estate at Sligo. From the latter he got but little.

TOBACCO AS A MILD STIMULANT.

Common stimulants, such as tea and coffee, afford us a marvellous instance of an ignorant physiological instinct, for we find that vegetable infusion containing the same principles as these common beverages have been resorted to by the natives of every known country. In Central America the Indian and native blood Indians, in their chocolate, the North American tribes have their Applechee tea and their tea of Salado. In the United States, and throughout the West India Isles, the European races now naturalized, quaff their cup of coffee, Europe, as well, has chosen common beverages. Spain and Italy drink chocolate, France, Germany, Sweden, and Turkey, coffee. Holland, England, and Russia, tea.

—Ireland makes its cups of stockings, the nose of the chocolate hills of Italy and Spain. Everywhere, in fact, non-infecting, slightly stimulating drinks are consumed. The habit must come from general want of our nature, as all these beverages contain essentially the same chemical compounds; and surely parallel facts can be gathered respecting the use of tobacco. The North-American Indians are described by Francisco Cooper as smoking their emblem of solemnity; the Chinese, the Russians, the Indian, negro, and all races smoke. The Irish men (and women in the poorer districts) are pictured by Leech and others with their inseparable pipes. The poor of this country consume large quantities of tobacco; the rich, the student, the dicer, the soldier, sailor, and traveller; almost without exception and comfort in their pipe. A story is told of Dr. Johnson, of whom it is said that he never smoked his pipe without having first thanked God for the blessing. Sure, from all this, it is manifest we have yet to learn what is the special function of tobacco, and why it has been used and is used in all countries, that every woman in half-clad dreams about stockings and tobacco; whereas, it must be evident, the most superficial reasoning, that many great smokers live to a great age without any impairment of vision. Indigestion is another malady which is frequently attributed to tobacco; but here again the reasoning will hold true, no one but a fooling and often discussing way of living, to which we are all subject, must necessarily be responsible for any degeneracy of that important function, more than smoking.

Even the most earnest opponents of tobacco must admit the evidence of its use, and the effects of its use, to the injurious effects of tobacco. And how it will be worth while to think how and by what means we can surely enjoy smoking. The simple fact of chewing tobacco, mere novelties, the swallowing of a small portion of nicotine, and for this reason, no doubt, the humble pipe is far preferable to the cigar, because in using the latter we of course chew as well as smoke, unless, of course, a holder is used; whereas, with a pipe it is only the smoke which comes into contact with us. Here a word may be said as to the urgent necessity of keeping our pipes clean, which can be readily managed by means of a little spirit, which will, on being placed in the bowl of the pipe (the end of the stem being plugged), dissolve the essential oil of the tobacco, and leave the pipe clean and sweet.

—Robert Herrick, in the *Cornhill Magazine*.

## A MODERN METHUSELAH.

A remarkable case of longevity is reported by Dr. Ornstein of Athens. The man, George Stavrides, died in Smyrna, at the age of 132 years. Although thus Methuselah had always lived an irregular life, and had consumed an average of more than a hundred bottles of brandy daily, he retained full possession of all his five senses, as also a complete set of teeth, up to the moment of his death. He also continued to the last to attend to the duties of his avocation—a baker. This man was born in 1743, in the reign of Mahomed I., and lived during the reigns of nine sultans. —British Medical Journal.

HOW TWO DOGS DINED ON A STEAK.

The *Green Bay (Wis.) State Gazette* relates the following table:—A large dog belonging to one of our citizens, and who usually accompanies is master to market in the capacity of porter, was entranced with a fine steak, securely wrapped in paper, to carry home. The animal grasped the parcel between his teeth, and trotted homeward beside his master. A short distance from the butcher's the gentleman entered another store, leaving the dog with the parcel standing on the sidewalk. Shortly two vagabonds, looking out arrived on the spot and began sniffing about. Finally, the larger of the two curs began growling and barking at the guardian of the steak, who stood this sort of thing for some time in a calm and dignified manner, till, finally, his barking tormentors probably, having applied some opprobrious epithet to him, he opened his mouth to reply, and, of course, dropped the steak on the ground. This vagabond cur retreated, and the other dog, now fully exasperated, set off on our pursuit. In an instant vagabond cur No. 2, who had been standing off a short distance, apparently a silent spectator of the scene, sprang forward and seized the steak in his mouth, and put off in opposite direction. Not long after, and in air not far from the scene of this episode, were two holding a high festival over a rich joint meal, and these two curs were the identical ones engaged in the transaction previously related. Who can say that this was not a put-up job between these two outcasts of canine society?

## THE PENALTY OF RICHES.

One of the prominent legal luminaries of this city has for a client a wealthy old lady, now verging on to fourscore years in age. She is reported to possess about a million, well invested in real estate and dividend-paying bonds. She has but few relatives, and these few posterity beyond all reason. Two of them are her own children, already rich from the proceeds of their father's bounty when he died 20 years ago. There are four grandchildren, and a half-dozen nieces and nephews. Between all these a constant struggle has been going on for several years to secure the favour of the old lady and obtain remembrance in her will. The consequence is that they keep her in constant hot water, and several times has she been publicly informed those nearest her that she will disinherit the entire lot. The lawyer before-mentioned has drawn for the old lady no less than thirteen wills in 10 years! In the beginning, she devised certain bequests and then changed them by codicils. Since then every new will or desire as to the disposition of her property demands a new will, and she refuses to believe in codicils at all. Meanwhile, Mr. Dinsell, in his apparent defence of Turkey, has made strange geographical blunders, and appears to have confounded Bulgaria with Servia, by questioning the authenticity of outrages in Bulgaria, not having been at Belgrade, and other places in Servia, hundreds of miles distant from Bulgaria, and the actual scene of torture. The sal confirmation of the truth of the Turkish barbarities came thick and fast. That most careful and trustworthy journal, the *Daily News*, states:—"The principal, the main occupation of the Turks, is the continuous examination of the Christians rate under the excuse of an insurrection which was in reality put down at the beginning of this month. The atrocities committed for such a contingency were at any time to occur. 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